



CHOOSE CLEAN WATER

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WHAT IS A 'RIVERKEEPER' OR 'WATERKEEPER'?

- An individual committed to protecting and speaking for a waterway
- Licensed through Waterkeeper Alliance- founded in 1999 by environmental attorney and activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
- WKA now has 200+ organizations throughout the world that protect more than 100,000 miles of rivers, streams, and coastlines in North and South America, Europe, Australia, Asia, and Africa



WHAT DO WE DO?



- WKC is a coalition of 19 independent programs that work to protect the water of the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays
- Committed to achieving the Clean Water Act's goal of swimmable, fishable, and drinkable waters for all
- WKC expands the impact of each member organization to reduce pollution by promoting peer learning, sharing successful strategies, and providing technical and legal expertise



WKC MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Anacostia RIVERKEEPER®

Washington, DC
AnacostiaRiverkeeper.org

Choptank RIVERKEEPER®

Easton, MD
MidshoreRiverkeeper.org

Middle Susquehanna RIVERKEEPER®

Lewisburg, PA
MiddleSusquehannaRiverkeeper.org

Severn RIVERKEEPER®

Annapolis, MD
SevernRiverkeeper.org

Upper Potomac RIVERKEEPER®

Williamsport, MD
PotomacRiverkeeperNetwork.org

Assateague COASTKEEPER®

Ocean City, MD
ActforBays.org

Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER®

Monkton, MD
GunpowderRiverkeeper.org

Miles/Wye RIVERKEEPER®

Easton, MD
MidshoreRiverkeeper.org

Shenandoah RIVERKEEPER®

Berryville, VA
PotomacRiverkeeperNetwork.org

Virginia Eastern SHOREKEEPER®

Eastville, VA
Shorekeeper.org

Baltimore Harbor WATERKEEPER®

Baltimore, MD
BlueWaterBaltimore.org

Lower James RIVERKEEPER®

Richmond, VA
JamesRiverAssociation.org

Potomac RIVERKEEPER®

Washington, DC
PotomacRiverkeeperNetwork.org

South RIVERKEEPER®

Edgewater, MD
SouthRiverFederation.net

West/Rhode RIVERKEEPER®

West River, MD
WestRhodeRiverkeeper.org

Chester RIVERKEEPER®

Chestertown, MD
ChesterRiverAssociation.org

Lower Susquehanna RIVERKEEPER®

Wrightsville, PA
LowerSusquehannaRiverkeeper.org

Sassafras RIVERKEEPER®

Georgetown, MD
SassafrasRiver.org

Upper James RIVERKEEPER®

Richmond, VA
JamesRiverAssociation.org



MAJOR ISSUES & OBJECTIVES

- **Reduce agricultural pollution** in the waterways of the Chesapeake Bay and coastal watersheds to ensure the success of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.
- **Reduce urban and suburban polluted stormwater runoff** to ensure that urban and suburban streams become fishable and swimmable once again and to ensure the success of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.



MAJOR ISSUES & OBJECTIVES, CONT.

- **Raise awareness of the impacts of fossil fuels on local waterways** by showing people and communities the immediate threats and cumulative impacts of fossil fuel extraction, storage and transportation, waste products and disposal, related infrastructure development, and legacy issues such as abandoned mine drainage. Raise awareness of how waterways and watersheds are changing due to current and long-term changes in climate.



- **Chesapeake Bay TMDL.** Engage at key decision points in the TMDL process and focus advocacy on EPA Chesapeake Bay Program, Region III, and federal appointees, exclusively.



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- Download our Swim Guide
- Download our Water Reporter App
- Attend an event
- Volunteer
- Donate
- Use Best Management Practices on your own property



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